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AS A RESULT OF A DETAILED STUDY NOW UNDER WAY AT NPIC OF ALL IDENTIFIED TYPE III ICBM LAUNCH SITES, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT LAUNCH SITE A AT THE OMSK ICBM LAUNCH COMPLEX IS DISSIMILAR TO ALL TYPE III ICBM LAUNCH SITES IDENTIFIED THROUGHOUT THE USSR. MAJOR DIFFERENCES NOTED ARE AS FOLLOWS.

A SECOND, DEEPER, NOTCH NOT FOUND AT TYPE III SITES IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE MAIN EXCAVATION FROM THE NOTCH CONTAINING THE CONTROL BUNKER. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT A NOTCH ANALOGOUS TO THIS WAS PRESENT AT TYURA TAM LAUNCH COMPLEX F, AS OBSERVED IN

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THE BASE OF THE CONTROL BUNKER IS CONSTRUCTED AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THE MAIN PORTION OF THE EXCAVATION WHICH WILL CONTAIN THE SILOS, INSTEAD OF ON A HIGHER LEVEL, AS AT TYPE III SITES.

ALTHOUGH THE FINAL ROAD CONFIGURATION AT OMSK SITE A CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT PRESENT, THE FENCE PATTERN AND THE LOCATION OF THE POINT WHERE THE MAIN ROAD WILL EVENTUALLY ENTER THE SITE ARE MORE SUGGESTIVE OF A FINAL PATTERN SIMILAR TO THAT AT LAUNCH COMPLEX F AT TYURA TAM THAN THAT AT COMPLETED TYPE III SITES.

THE ORIENTATION OF THE SHORT AXIS OF THE EXCAVATION IS INCONSISTENT WITH ORIENTATIONS OF TYPE III ICBM SITES IN THIS SECTION OF THE USSR. THE TYPE III SITES AT THE SHADRINSK AND NOVOSIBIRSK COMPLEXES HAVE AZIMUTHS OF 60/240 DEGREES AND 65/245 DEGREES, RESPECTIVELY, WHERAS OMSK SITE A, LOCATED MIDWAY BETWEEN THESE TWO COMPLEXES, HAS AN AZIMUTH OF 005/185 DEGREES.

BECAUSE OF THESE INCONSISTENCIES WITH TYPE III ICBM LAUNCH SITES, NPIC IS OF THE OPINION THAT LAUNCH SITE A AT OMSK IS POSSIBLY THE FIRST IDENTIFIED HARDENED LAUNCH SITE SIMILAR TO TYURA TAM LAUNCH COMPLEX F.

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